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1. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED AT YOUR RECENT APPROACH TO KHUKRIT ON THE NARCOTICS ISSUE. HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST, AS EXPRESSED BY KHUKRIT, IS A NECESSARY FIRST STEP IN RESOLVING THAILAND'S NARCOTICS PROBLEM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY POUCHING TO THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM LEFT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, ENCOURAGED BY KHUKRIT'S STATED WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE NARCOTICS-RELATED CORRUPTION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF HIS CARETAKER STATUS, KHUKRIT'S

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CURRENT ROOM FOR ACTION IS UNDOUBTEDLY LIMITED. AT

ANY RATE, YOU SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP
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